

SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS DONATES \$3 MILLION TO LOCAL UNIVERSITY

Gift Represents Largest Donation Ever to California State University, San Bernardino

SAN MANUEL INDIAN NATION, Calif. - May 14, 2003 —The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians announced today it donated \$3 million to California State University, San Bernardino. As a result of the generous donation, the newly renovated and expanded student union will be named in honor of tribal leader Santos Manuel.

“With this donation we are laying the foundation for the tribe’s legacy as an educational leader within the Inland Empire,” said Deron Marquez, chairman of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. “We hope that the Santos Manuel Student Union will be the center for the university’s community-building efforts.”

This donation is the largest single gift ever received by California State University, San Bernardino at its main campus and represents the largest gift from an American Indian tribe to a California State University. The \$3 million dollar gift will expand the university’s Cross Cultural Center, help develop a diversity program and scholarship endowments, and develop an internship program.

“We’re extremely appreciative of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and their understanding of the importance of higher education in the Inland Empire and at California State University, San Bernardino,” said Albert Karnig, president of California State University, San Bernardino. “We owe considerable gratitude to Deron Marquez, San Manuel Band of Mission Indian’s tribal chairman and tribe for developing new ways for us to work together and John Futch, who directs our Cross Cultural Center, for helping us to maintain our strong relationship and for taking the lead on this project.”

The overall expansion project will double the size of the existing student union, providing larger dining areas with more restaurant choices; more office space for student clubs and organizations; additional space for the Cross Cultural Center, Women’s Resource Center and Adult Re-Entry Center; and a 200-seat theater for films, concerts and speakers.

Of the total grant, \$1 million will go toward the expansion construction of the Cross Cultural Center at the student union. Another \$1 million will be used to establish a diversity program endowment to fund annual operational programs for the Cross Cultural Center, Women’s Resource Center and Adult Re-entry Center. The remaining funds will be used to establish an endowment scholarship program (\$800,000) and an endowment internship program (\$200,000).

“Expansion of the Cross Cultural Center will enable the student union to better serve the growing student population at California State University, San Bernardino and throughout the surrounding communities by providing meeting and office space for various ethnic and cultural organizations,” said John Futch, director of the Cross Cultural Center.

Santos Manuel is recognized by the tribe as a great leader and hero who led surviving members of the Serrano tribe in the San Bernardino Valley to a new settlement in the San Bernardino Mountains. In 1891, by presidential order, the San Manuel Reservation was established and named for its leader. To honor his memory, new signage will be placed at the three primary entrances to the Santos Manuel Student Union, while design themes from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians will be incorporated into the building’s architecture.

California State University, San Bernardino and the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians enjoy a strong relationship of cooperation and longtime history of collaborative programs. The university hosts the California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference, California Native American Day Celebration,

California Native American Heritage Month and the annual People of the Pines Pow Wow. The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians is one of the lead partners with the university for the new Inland California Television Network and has been a longtime supporter of Cal State San Bernardino athletics.

About the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

Descendants of the Serrano Indians, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians roamed a territory that spanned the San Bernardino Mountains and valley and adjoining desert lands for centuries. Today, the Tribe is located on the San Manuel Reservation near Highland, California. Like other Tribal lands in the United States, San Manuel Reservation is a sovereign nation with its own system of government and bylaws. The Tribe operates the San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino and the San Manuel Bottled Water Group in addition to managing a variety of economic ventures. A partner in the community, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians actively contributes to a variety of projects in neighboring areas. Nearby cities and towns receive support from the tribe in the way of monetary and bottled water donations for cultural, social, and economic projects to benefit the common good of the communities in which the tribe members live and work.

About California State University, San Bernardino

Founded in 1965, California State University, San Bernardino offers almost 70 traditional bachelors and master's degrees along with a wide variety of education credential and certificate programs to a student body of more than 16,300. One of the 23 campuses in the California State University system, the largest higher education system in the country, Cal State San Bernardino is the sole public comprehensive university serving Riverside and San Bernardino counties, one of the fastest growing regions in California. The mission of Cal State San Bernardino is to enhance the intellectual, cultural and personal development of its students. Serving inland Southern California in one of the fastest growing regions in the nation, the university seeks to serve the educational needs of the region and the state by offering a wide range of academic programs and support services. The university is expanding its role as one of the preeminent centers of cultural and intellectual activity in inland Southern California.

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